

# Sample Earthquake Public Service Announcements

There has been an earthquake. We don't know the extent of the damage yet, but we'll give you information as soon as it's available. Keep listening for news and safety instructions. Here is what you should do immediately.

- ★ Tune your radio to the local Emergency Alert Station (formerly EBS Station) in your local listening area.
- ★ Put on sturdy shoes to avoid cutting your feet.
- ★ Be prepared for more shaking. Stay Calm! If you are indoors when the shaking starts, stay indoors, away from windows and other hazards. If you are outdoors, stay in the open. Be alert for falling objects, glass and debris.
- ★ Use flashlights only for light: turning light switches on or off may ignite leaking gas. **Do not use matches, lighters or candles.**
- ★ Smell for smoke or leaking gas. If you smell gas or smoke, get everyone out of the house then turn off your gas and electricity at the main meters. Additionally know how to turn off your water valve if the water lines are ruptured. It is important that you know how to turn your utilities at the source to keep damage to your home to a minimum.
- ★ Check on the other people in your household. If they are hurt, use first aid.
- ★ If there's a fire and you can fight it without getting hurt, put it out with the proper extinguisher. **DO NOT use water on electrical or gas fires.**
- ★ Do not use the telephone. It must be reserved for life-or-death situations.
- ★ If you go outside to an open area - stay away from buildings. Watch for fallen power lines; many lines may be down and they can severely injure you if you touch them. If someone is in contact with a downed line, push the downed line away with a piece of wood.
- ★ If you're in a car, pull over and stop. Stay away from bridges, overpasses, power lines or other hazards. Stay in your car and listen to the radio. Keep the road clear for emergency vehicles.